

ARMY OF 200,000 MEN AS SOLDIER SETTLERS TO DEVELOP THE WEST

Senator Works Proposes Reserve Force as Part of Preparedness Plan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Senator Works of California told the Senate

to-day that a standing army of one million men would be necessary to defend the United States against possible invasions and declared that the Pacific Coast was completely at the mercy of Asiatic attack.

Senator Works spoke on the subject of national defense, but particularly to propose as a part of the scheme of preparedness the creation of a mobile land force and military reserve of 200,000 men at a cost of \$50,000,000 a year for ten years.

The proposed enlisted men in civil and military reserve would be settled, according to the Works bill, with their families in comfortable five-acre tracts provided by the Government, supplementing ten months of productive work at reforestation, irrigation and flood prevention with

two months of military training each year.

They would be soldier-settlers under control of the Secretary of Interior in times of peace and subject to orders of the War Department in times of war.

GOMPERS TO TELL OF STRIKES IN WAR PLANTS

Grand Jury, Which Stirred Up Buchanan Resolution, Wants Peace Council Facts.

The special Federal Grand Jury, investigating the German propaganda, has been called for Monday to consider the evidence in the hands of the Government regarding the activities of Labor's National Peace Council, which, it is alleged, spent the money Von Rittberg gave them to incite strikes among the workers of munition plants.

Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, has been subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury on Monday, and will be heard before the court with United States Attorney H. Snowden Marshall. It is in this investigation which stirred Congressman Frank Buchanan and, it is said, inspired his resolution asking for the impeachment of Attorney Marshall. Mr. Buchanan was President of Labor's National Peace Council and has been named as one of the five directing its manipulation.

THOUSANDS OF CARS ON 17 RAILROADS TIED UP BY STRIKE

Deadlock on Chicago Belt Line Stops Traffic—Unions to Demand Eight Hours.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Thousands of freight cars loaded with all kinds of merchandise to-day clogged the tracks of seventeen railroads entering Chicago pending settlement of the strike of 600 switchmen, firemen and engineers on the Belt Railway of Chicago.

G. W. W. Hanger of the Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation continued his conferences with the strikers and railway officials in an effort to adjust the controversy. The men demand that special trains be run to carry them to and from work.

Demand on American railroads for an eight-hour day will be submitted to a referendum vote of every member of the four railway brotherhoods before they are put up to the employers. It was announced to-day.

Delegates attending the joint conference of the brotherhoods determined on this course when it was reported friction had developed over the character of the demands. In previous instances the men have been permitted to vote only on the question of strike after demands have been submitted.

TRAIN BANDITS SMASH CAR WITH DYNAMITE; USE GUNS IN HOLD-UP

Force Mail Clerks to Clear Way by Threatening to Kill the Engineer.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 16.—Three bandits early to-day held up Kansas City Southern passenger train No. 1 one mile south of Eagleton, Ark. They forced the engineers to detach two baggage and one mail car, dynamited the Wells-Fargo Express Company safe and robbed the mail car.

The plunder, according to railroad officials, consisted of four registered packages of small value and four rifles. The passengers were not molested.

The express car practically was wrecked by a heavy charge of explosives which the robbers applied to the safe. The bandits did not stop to pick up anything, but turned quickly to the mail car. At the first sign of impending trouble the mail clerks had locked the doors. When the bandits battered upon the entrance the clerks did not answer.

"Open up or we'll kill your engineer," shouted one of the robbers. Still there was no reply. Then one of the bandits placed a revolver to the clerk's head.

"Tell him to open up or you're a goner," the robber bellowed. The clerk opened the door and the bandits sprang into the mail car and selected four packages from the registered pouch. Four men, carried for the protection of the clerk, were picked up by the robbers as they fled.

GREEK STEAMERS RELEASED.

Two Held at Malta Allowed to Sail for New York.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Release of the Greek steamers Kale and Saint Dimitrios, which have been detained at Malta by the British authorities since Nov. 29, was reported in dispatches received here to-day. The two vessels were en route from New York to Greek ports.

Germany Offers Exchange of Celebrations.

BERLIN, Dec. 16 (by wireless to Cayville).—The German Government, it was announced to-day by the Overseas News Agency, has proposed to Russia an arrangement whereby Russians imprisoned in Germany will be permitted to celebrate New Year's Day in case Russia allows imprisoned Germans to celebrate the birthday of Emperor William.

CAPT. CONDON DEAD.

Was Once Sentenced to Die with the "Manchester Martyrs."

Capt. Edward O'Meara Condon died last night at his home, No. 182 East Seventy-ninth Street, at the age of seventy-five. He suffered a severe illness three weeks ago, but in the belief that he had recovered he returned to Glen Falls, where he was stationed as an inspector of federal buildings.

Edward O'Meara Condon was sentenced to death with the Manchester martyrs, Allen, Larkin and O'Brien, for the murder of Policeman Brett in Manchester, England, in the course of the rescue of Capt. Deasy and Col. Thomas Kelly from prison. His sentence was commuted on the day of execution and after twelve years he was released under a general pardon.

Born at Mitchelstown, County Cork, Young Condon was brought to Canada at the age of two. He came to New York and joined the Penian Brotherhood in its infancy. He enlisted in Gen. Corcoran's Irish Legion in the Union army, and fought through the civil war, winning promotion by his bravery.

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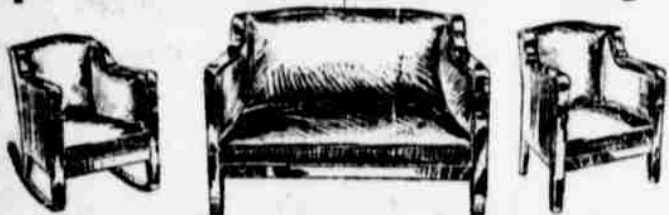
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